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**Governor Baker to Sign Landmark Opioid Legislation into Law**

**BOSTON** – Tomorrow at the State House, Governor Charlie Baker will sign landmark legislation into law to address the deadly opioid and heroin epidemic plaguing the Commonwealth. He will be joined by Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Marylou Sudders, Senate President Stanley Rosenberg, House Speaker Robert DeLeo, Attorney General Maura Healey, Auditor Suzanne Bump, Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh, members of the legislature, law enforcement, health care providers, community leaders and individuals in recovery.

The bill, titled *An Act relative to substance use, treatment, education and prevention*, passed with unanimous votes in both legislative chambers and contains many provisions recommended by the Governor's Opioid Addiction Working Group last year. The legislation includes new requirements around opioid prescription limitations, student screenings, prescriber education, and physician consultation of the Prescription Monitoring Program.

**Monday, March 14, 2016:**

**Who:** Governor Baker, HHS Secretary Sudders, House Speaker DeLeo, Senate President Rosenberg, Attorney General Healey, Auditor Suzanne Bump, Boston Mayor Walsh, Law Enforcement, Health Care Providers, Community Leaders and Individuals in Recovery

**What:** Signs Landmark Opioid Legislation into Law

**When:** 10:00AM

**Where:** State House – Grand Staircase

**Press:** Open

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